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25X1 1. [] nothing definite in regard to operational orders for ships at
25X1 sea in the event of an emergency. It seems [] that there are no such
25X1 orders. []
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25X1 2. [] in an emergency, necessary orders would be transmitted
25X1 by wireless telegraph. All Polish ships at sea, including the BATORY, are
25X1 in constant contact with the station SPG-2 in Gdynia. []
25X1 the [] war can only be started by the USSR and if any plans have been made for
25X1 such a contingency they are in possession of Russia and not Poland. This
25X1 applies equally to the problem of the traffic of Polish ships in case of
25X1 war. [] if the Soviet Union were to start war by surprise,
25X1 the loss of Polish ships in foreign waters at the moment of attack would be
25X1 treated as of little consequence.
25X1 3. If the alert system is based only on notices transmitted by radio, a special
25X1 code must exist for use in case of war, which would not be used in peace
25X1 time. []
25X1 [] the political officer might have such a code in his
25X1 possession, but [] was doubtful about it, because "they are not
25X1 likely to trust even political officers with such a code." []
25X1 [] when the BATORY was due to go on the India run, one of the P.L.O.
25X1 (Polish Ocean Lines) directors, named GPa¹, told [] during a conversation
25X1 that he really ought to be given a special code just in case. []
25X1 [] refused such a code and suggested that it had better be given to the
25X1 political officer as it would be safer under his care. []
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25X1. Comments:

- 25X1 1. Mieczyslaw Grad is head of the Political Education Office in the Ministry of Shipping at Warsaw. [redacted] a (fnu) Grad was a UB agent who was permitted to exercise complete control in the Central Administration of the Polish Merchant Marine. It is possible that this is the same person.

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